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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON VARTANOV CASE

PRESS GUIDANCE ON VARTANOV CASE WAS SENT BY EARLIER
REFTEL. SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING FOR LAST THREE QUESTIONS
AND ANSWERS:

Q: WHO IS LEONARD WILLEMS, NAMED IN THE ARTICLE AS A
CIA OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT?

A: WILLEMS IS AN OFFICER OF THE SOVIET DESK WHO PARTI-
CIPATED IN THE PREDEPARTURE INTERVIEW. AS YOU KNOW, WE
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DO NOT COMMENT ON ALLEGATIONS THAT OUR OFFICERS ARE

INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS.

Q: HOW ABOUT THE OFFICERS AND STAFF FROM OUR EMBASSY IN
CAIRO WHO ARE NAMED IN THE ARTICLE - JAMES FIESE, BRIAN
FLANAGAN AND CHRISTOPHER BARRETT? ARE THEY CIA PERSONNEL?

A: AS A MATTER OF POLICY WE DO NOT COMMENT ON SUCH
ALLEGATIONS. ROBINSON

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